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"For the good of Fort Pierce, St. Lucie county and the Indian River section generally and the people particularly."

WHAT TIME is the express train due?

IT IS NOT too late to get in on that prize. Ten dollars more is needed.

FORT PIERCE is losing visitors because there are not enough houses to accommodate those who want to stop here for the winter. Would not a few cottages for rent be a paying investment?

SATURDAY, January 25, we are told is the birthday of Robert Burns, the Scotch poet, and there is a movement on foot to celebrate the event in a mild manner in Fort Pierce by admirers of the laddie who contributed so much to literature. This is a good move and should receive encouragement on all sides.

JUDGE WRIGHT of Jacksonville, who announced a few weeks ago that he would be a candidate for United States Senator, has changed his mind and now wants the office from which Willie Bryan was promoted, solicitor of the criminal court of Duval county. Perhaps the Judge thinks that is the safest and nearest way to the Senate.

HON. PARK M. TRAMMELL, of Lakeland, who a short time ago withdrew from the race for United States Senator, has again decided he wants an office, and last week he announced that he was a candidate for the office of Attorney-General of the State against Hon. W. H. Ellis. He is an able lawyer and will undoubtedly make a good run, and if elected would fill the office with credit. However, he is up against a hard proposition in his effort to win out over Col. Ellis, the present incumbent—almost as tough a proposition as he was against in the Senatorial race.

WE HAVE RECEIVED an invitation from the Tampa Chamber of Commerce to be present at the immigration meeting to be held at that place on February 12th. Accompanying it was a copy of Governor Broward's "Immigration Congregation Proclamation" (please give credit when you mention that title). It won't hurt those fellows to get up and blow off a little surplus steam over the "immigration question being of paramount importance" and all that sort of thing, but we fail to see the need of it. If the advantages of the State are sufficiently advertised the right sort of people will come here to pick up the opportunities, and more satisfaction will follow.

THE LOCAL POLITICAL POT has begun to show a few bubbles and will soon be boiling hot in St. Lucie county. We have been assured that Judge Otis R. Parker, of Fort Pierce, will be a candidate for representative from this county and will enter the Democratic primary with his usual characteristic force and energy. His announcement will appear in this paper as soon as the executive committee names the day for the first primary. The Judge will make it warm for his opponents and if any of them expect to beat him out they will have to get up early every morning and hustle all day long.

THE JANUARY NUMBER of the Florida East Coast Homeseeker reached us Tuesday morning, and as usual is full of good things and up to its standard of excellence. This number, however is of more than usual interest to those who have an interest in Fort Pierce or St. Lucie county, for a large portion of the magazine is devoted to this section. On the cover is a view of the Merrill pineapple plantation near Fort Pierce and throughout it is illustrated by half-tone engravings, fourteen in number, which were used in the illustrated booklet published last spring by the Board of Trade. The first article is an interesting and instructive treatise of "Pineapples—Where and How They Grow," by D. E. Austin, a prominent and successful pineapple grower, of Jensen. Another excellent article, which we reproduce on our first page is entitled "Fort Pierce—the Pearl of St. Lucie," by Col. F. L. Hemmings, secretary of the Fort Pierce Board of Trade. The number will do much towards putting our section before the homeseekers, for which St. Lucie county is duly grateful.

HATE YOU HEARD a noise like a man kicking? If you have it's dollars to doughnuts he is a man who had some perishable goods to go by express and no express train came along to take it to the destination. That's right, kick. The express service has been rotten during the past ten days between Jacksonville and Miami. For more than two days once last week there was no express train out of Miami and fish dealers and fruit and vegetable growers lost hundreds of dollars on account of it. At this point fresh meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, etc., laid at the depot for eighteen or twenty hours before the express train came along to carry it away. The passenger and mail trains are running on schedule time, but they do not carry express. This work is done by an exclusive express train which is due here and at other points soon after the tooting of the whistle, but usually there is an exceedingly long interval between toots. It seems to be up to the Southern Express Company to furnish better service for its patrons. Fort Pierce is not the only point that is kicking. It is same at every city, town, village, hamlet and cross road between Jacksonville and Miami, a distance of three hundred and sixty-six miles, through a territory in which the express company does an immense business.

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ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.
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WALTER J. BASS,
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